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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Ali N. Saleh  
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Re: U. S. Patent Application entitled: "A Resource Management Protocol  
For A Configurable Network Router"  
Inventor(s): Ali N. Saleh et al.  
Serial No.: 09/714,784  
Filing Date: November 15, 2000  
Your Reference: Seq. No. 3803  
Our Reference: M-7166-3P US

Dear Ali:

Enclosed please find an Assignment and Declaration that need to be signed you in the above-referenced patent application. I have also included for your review a copy of the patent application and drawings as they were filed with the U. S. Patent & Trademark Office. If the application as filed accurately reflects your invention, please sign the following enclosed documents and return them to me.

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SIGNED.**

Enclosed for signature and filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

- **Declaration for Patent Application** - must be **signed** and **dated** by each inventor. Please confirm and/or fill in all personal information of each inventor, including citizenship.
- **Assignment** - must be **signed** and **dated** by each inventor in the presence of a notary.

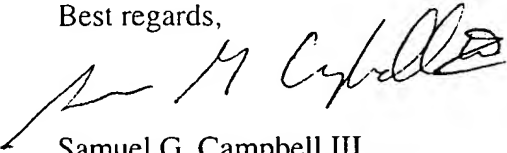
The inventors' signatures on the declaration certify that they have reviewed and understood the specification including the claims. Failure to read and understand the specification, including the claims, before signing the declaration may jeopardize the application as well as any patent or patents which issue from the application.

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After all the documents have been fully executed, please return the original signed and dated documents to me in the enclosed Federal Express envelope. These documents must be filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by **April 20, 2001** to avoid payment of extension fees.

Please call if you have any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel G. Campbell III", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Samuel G. Campbell III

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